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SUBJ: REACTION ATLANTIC DECLARATION

1. POLITIKEN (RADICAL INDEPENDENT) COMMENTS QUOTE (NATO)
DECLARATION DOES NOT BRING ALLIES BEYOND WHAT ATLANTIC PACT
AND LATER DECLARATIONS HAVE SAID. BUT AT ONE POINT, WHERE
IT MIGHT HAVE HAD SIGNIFICANCE, SITUATION HAS ONLY BEEN
WORSENER. THIS CONCERNS CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN ALLIES...

2. TWO SUMMIT MEETINGS (IN BRUSSELS AND MOSCOW) IN ONE WEEK
CAN BOTH BE CALLED PSEUDO-EVENTS. NIXON CANNOT TELL HIS
ALLIES MORE THAN HIS SECRETARY OF STATE DID IN OTTAWA LAST
WEEK. SUMMIT MEETING IN EAST IS NOT WORTH MUCH MORE, THE
WAY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN U.S. AND SOVIET UNION HAS DEVELOPED
SINCE LAST SUMMER.

3. FOR NIXON, NEUROTIC TRAVEL ACTIVITY IS FLIGHT FROM U.S.
OF WATERGATE SCANDALS. AMAZING THAT OUR HEADS OF STATE HAVE
TIME AND INCLINATION TO MAKE FOOLS OF THEMSELVES AT ORDERS
OF AMERICANS UNQUOTE.

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4. JYLLANDS-POSTEN (CONSERVATIVE INDEPENDENT) QUOTE IN THAT NATO DECLARATION FROM OTTAWA CONTAINS NO RAVINGS AND RANTINGS CRITICS OF ALLIANCE SEE, AS EXPECTED, INDICATIONS OF WEAKNESS AND COMING DISSOLUTION. THIS INTERPRETATION IS WRONG.

5. PROMISES THAT ATLANTIC PACT WILL DEAL WITH THINGS WHICH DO NOT CONCERN IT WOULD HAVE SHOWN THAT CONFUSION WHICH EXISTED SOME YEARS AGO...STILL EXISTED. AND THEY WOULD HAVE VEILED TRUE JUSTIFICATION OF ALLIANCE, WHICH IS THAT IT PREVENTS MILITARY AND POLITICAL BALKANIZATION OF ATLANTIC AREA, AND IT FORCES SOVIET UNION TO BEHAVE PEACEFULLY.

6. NATO MUST BE UP TO DATE. PACT CAN BEST ACHIEVE THIS WHEN (MEMBER) COUNTRIES CONSULT, COOPERATE IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND DEVELOP THEIR DEFENSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GROWTH OF SOVIET MILITARY APPARATUS, BUT ATTEMPTS TO GIVE PACT FURTHER PERSPECTIVE ARE UNWANTED. NON-MILITARY PROBLEMS ARE BEST SOLVED IN NON-MILITARY FORUMS.

7. OTTAWA MEETING CONFIRMED THAT WESTERN EUROPE CAN STILL COUNT ON U.S., AND THIS IS RESULT WHICH IS WORTH NOTICING. ALSO FACT THAT MILITARY ALLIANCE HAS BEEN KEPT FOR 25 YEARS AND IS STRONGER IN ITS 26TH YEAR THAN IN ITS 22ND UNQUOTE.
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